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ST. PETERSBURG MAN SENTENCED
ON DRUG AND GUN CHARGES

Tampa, Florida - Yesterday United States District Judge Susan C. Bucklew sentenced KIM WALKER, age 39, to 130 months' imprisonment on drug and firearms charges. She sentenced him to a term of 70 months' imprisonment for possession with intent to distribute more than 16 grams of cocaine base, that sentence to be followed by a consecutive term of 60 months' imprisonment for unlawful possession of a firearm in furtherance of that drug trafficking crime. Each sentence will be followed by a term of supervised release of five (5) years.

The charges in this case stemmed from an undercover narcotics investigation by the St. Petersburg Police in 2004 during which they discovered that WALKER was selling narcotics out of an apartment at 925 13th Avenue South in St. Petersburg. On June 17, 2004, the police executed a search warrant at that location and found WALKER there in possession of both crack cocaine and 300 grams of marihuana, as well as a loaded Lorcin .380 caliber pistol, and over $4,100 in cash. At the time, WALKER was a person who had

preciously been convicted of numerous felony offenses and thus could not lawfully possess a firearm or ammunition.

The case was investigated by agents of the United States Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the St. Petersburg Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Jay L. Hoffer of the Tampa Division.